

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PHILIPPINES / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership of UNESCO:** 21 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently
3. **Membership of Intergovernmental Committees/Commissions and other bodies:**
  - Vice-Chairperson of World Heritage Committee (Term expires 40<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee. (2016)
  - Member of the World Heritage Committee (Term expires : 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education: Member (Term expires : 38th General Conference)
  - Headquarters: Committee Member (Term expires : 38th General Conference)
  - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (Term expires : 38th General Conference)
  - Member of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). (Term expires: 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Philippines:** 1
  - March 2011
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Ms Maria Theresa P. Lazaro was appointed Permanent Delegate (since 24 April 2014)
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Cristina Garcia Ortega
6. **UNESCO Office in Jakarta and Regional Bureau for Science:** representative to Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste.
  - **Established** in 1951 as UNESCO Field Office for Southeast Asian Science Cooperation (SEASCO) and reformed as the Regional Office for Sciences and Technology for South East Asia (ROSTSEA) in 1967;
  - **Director:** Mr Shahbaz Khan (Australia) since August 2015
7. **National Commission for UNESCO:** established in 1947
  - **Chairperson** (*ex-officio*): H. E. Mr Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs (since March 2011);
  - **Secretary-General** (since beginning 2011): Dr Virginia A. Miralao.
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
  - The Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble from the Philippines was designated as UNESCO Artists for Peace at the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Conference in October 2003 in the presence of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.
  - The Madrigal Singers, or Madz, were designated as UNESCO Artists for Peace in April 2008; their designation ceremony (followed by a performance) took place on 27 July 2009.

- Mr Rainier A. Ibana is one of the Vice-Chairpersons of COMEST. His 2<sup>nd</sup> mandate ends 31 December 2017. He has served for nine years as Chair of the Philosophy Department of the Ateneo de Manila University and as Chair of the Philippine Commission for Higher Education's Technical Committee for Philosophy. He is also a Commissioner of the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO.
- Mr Sonny Coloma, Former Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)
- Ms Joli Carino, Member of the UNSG Scientific Advisory Board

**9. UNESCO Chairs: 2**

- UNESCO Chair in Integrated Management and Sustainable Development in Coastal Regions and in Small Islands, established in 2000 at the University of the Philippines;
- UNESCO-TOYOTA Chair in Children's Environmental Education, established in 2001 at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB).

**10. Associated Schools: 19** (7 Primary/Secondary Schools, 8 Secondary Schools, 1 Vocational & Technical ED and 3 Teacher Training). Philippines joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network in 1953.

**11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1**

- The South-East Asian Centre for Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development (SEACLLSD), Philippines. ( 2009)

**12. Biosphere Reserves: 2**

- The *Palawan* Biosphere Reserve, a cluster of islands inscribed in 1990
- The *Puerto Galera* Biosphere Reserve (on Mindoro Island), inscribed in 1977

**13. World Heritage List: 6 sites**

*Cultural Sites:*

- Baroque Churches of the Philippines (1993)
- Historic Town of Vigan (1999)
- Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (1995)

*Natural Sites:*

- Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary (2014)
- Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River National Park (1999)
- Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (1993)

**14. Tentative List: 19**

- Batanes Protected landscapes and seascapes (1993)
- The Tabon Cave Complex and all of Lipuun (2006)
- Paleolithic Archaeological Sites in Cagayan Valley (2006)
- Kabayan Mummy Burial Caves (2006)
- Butuan Archeological Sites (2006)
- Baroque Churches of the Philippines (Extension) (2006)
- Petroglyphs and Petrographs of the Philippines (2006)
- Neolithic Shell Midden Sites in Lal-lo and Gattaran Municipalities (2006)
- Chocolate Hills Natural Monument (2006)
- Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park (2006) Mt. Pulag National Park (2006)
- Apo Reef Natural Park (2006)
- El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (2006)
- Coron Island Natural Biotic Area (2006)

- Mt. Iglit-Baco National Park (2006)
- Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park and outlying areas inclusive of the buffer zone (2006)
- Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (2015)
- Mayon Volcano Natural Park (MMVNP) (2015)
- Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary (2015)

**15. Intangible Heritage List: 2**

- Darangen epic of the Maranao people of Lake Lanao (2008)
- Hudhud chants of the Ifugao (2008)

**16. Memory of the World Register: 4**

- Philippine Paleographs (Hanunoo, Buid, Tagbanua and Pala'wan) National Museum, Manila (1999);
- Radio Broadcast of the Philippine People Power Revolution (2003);
- José Maceda Collection (2007) – a collection of traditional musics of the Philippines and certain parts of South East Asia.
- Presidential Papers of Manuel L. Quezon (2011)

**17. Creative Cities Network: None**

**18. Legal instruments: 10 ratified and 29 non-ratified**

**19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated 2014-2015: none**

**20. Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 55,000
- 2012-2013: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 76,994
- 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 116,000

**21. Fellowships:**

4 fellowships awarded to Philippines since 2010, with a total amount of US\$ 119,500.

**22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO in 2013 (expressed in US\$):**

**23. Payment assessed membership fees for 2014-2105:**

(Assessment rate: 0.154%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$1,005,620)

**24. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO:**

<b>Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes</b>			
<b>( Expressed in US Dollars )</b>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	10,076	10,036	16,496

**25. Representation within the Secretariat: Normally-represented**

3 Professional staff on Geographical Posts (min. 3 - max. 5)